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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph between paragraphs [013] and [014] at page 3:

Figure 7 illustrates a circuit diagram of a switch electrically connected to an indicator in accordance with an aspect of the present invention.

Please amend paragraph [016] at page 4 as follows:

A switch 16 is secured to a fixed portion of the watercraft, such as an inner surface of a hull or transom of the watercraft, via one or more brackets 18 (Figs. 5 and 6). The number and configuration of bracket(s) 18 can vary depending upon how a user desires to position the switch 16 on the watercraft. The switch 16 is positioned such that it is contacted and thus, activated by the cam 12 when the rudder(s) is in a centered position. The switch 16 is preferably a micro switch and is in electrical connection with an indicator light that can be located at an easily visible portion in the watercraft (Fig. 7).

Please amend paragraph [017] at page 4 as follows:

Turning now to Figures 2 and 3, the rudder position indicator apparatus 10 is depicted when the rudder(s) is in a non-centered position and a centered position, respectively. As illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, the cam 12 can have a substantially D-shaped cross section. The cam 12 can include sloped side walls 20 and a substantially flat top portion 22 such that an actuator 24 of the switch 16 can easily travel up the sloped side walls 20 and rest on the top portion 22 when the rudder(s) is centered. The cam 12 can also include an aperture 26 in a bottom portion of the cam 12 to facilitate securing the cam 12 to the steering linkage bar 14. For example, a clamp hose 28 can be employed to couple the cam 12 to the steering linkage

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bar 14. However it is to be appreciated that the cam 12 can be coupled to the steering linkage bar 14 in any suitable manner.